GETTING STARTED AS AN ECO CHURCH



WHAT DO WE DO FIRST?

The first step is to get your PCC to agree to becoming an Eco Church. Then you need to appoint an Eco Champion. This person won't be doing everything themselves but will ensure that environmental issues are championed. Please let our Diocesan Environment Officer Robert Cleave at **deo@southwell.anglican.org** know who your Eco Champion is, so that they can be informed, updated and supported. You can also create a small team of people with different skills and experiences covering the different areas of church life.

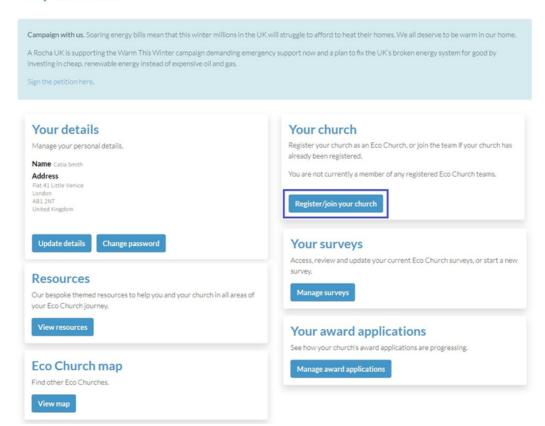
SIGNING UP TO A ROCHA UK'S ECO CHURCH AWARDS

To sign up, visit A Rocha UK's website <u>here</u> and create an account using your personal details. Once you have created an account, click "register/join your church". First, check that your church isn't already registered by performing a search using its postcode. If you see your church, click "select church". If your church isn't listed, scroll to the bottom and click "I can't find my church". You can also watch <u>this video</u> for help.



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If your church is not listed, you will then need to complete an online form to register it. You need to provide the following information about the church:

- full church name
- full postal address
- denomination
- the number of worshippers
- whether it's urban or rural
- year the physical church was built
- if the church owns the building, and
- · whether it is a listed building

After completing all the fields, click the "add church button". You will then be returned to your dashboard - your church will now be listed in the 'Your churches' section.

If your church doesn't have a building, please put in the address of the location where you usually meet, for example, in a school hall or another community building.

STARTING YOUR CHURCH'S SURVEY

In order to see what improvements your church could make as well as celebrate what you're already doing, the Eco Church Awards are based on surveys. If you would like to see a practice survey to share with your eco team, **click here.**

You can access, review and update your current Eco Church surveys, or start a new survey in this section on the dashboard. Press the Manage surveys button, which will lead you to another page where you can continue an existing survey or start a new one.

